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**THE NEWPORT MERCURY** was established in June, 1758, and is now in its hundred and twenty-seventh year. It is the oldest newspaper in the United States, and with less than half a dozen exceptions the oldest printed in the English language. It is a large quarto weekly of fifty-six columns filled with interesting reading—editorial, State, local and general news, well-selected miscellany and a valuable family and household department. Reading so many households in this and other States, the limited space given to advertising is very valuable to business men.

## Local Matters.

### The Mercury and the Good Cheer.

A large number of our subscribers have availed themselves of our generous offer to furnish the Mercury for 1885 and the Good Cheer, a twenty-page family paper, for the price of one paper. This only condition we make is that payment be made in full in advance. This offer of ours still holds good and will still hold out till the first of February at least. How much later than that it will keep the offer open we cannot say. Every subscriber now on our list can avail himself of the offer by paying up whatever he may be in arrears for the Mercury and then paying for the year 1885. The Good Cheer (if it is well worth the price of the subscription and were it not for our innate modesty we should say that the Mercury for the year 1885 will be worth double the price of the subscription. In addition to the two papers the beautiful *Memoirs of ANNA* will be printed this year as usual and will be ready for our patrons free about the first of January. With all these inducements we can conceive of no better investment for the citizens of Newport and vicinity than what is offered at the Mercury Office. Try it and tell your neighbors and let them try it.

### Through Fear of Slavery.

Mrs. Henrietta Page and her son, colored, who have kept a restaurant and intelligence office at 101 Thames street in this city for several years past, called at one of our savings banks on Wednesday and drew out their savings, amounting in all to between \$600 and \$700, saying that they had given up their home in Newport and were going to Canada to escape a return to slavery which they believed would be the fate of their race under a Democratic administration. The treasurer and several other gentlemen who were present, explained to them that there could be no more slavery whatever party was in power and tried to dissuade them from their purpose, but in vain. Mrs. Page thanked the gentlemen and hoped they believed what they said, but she did not. She said she had been a slave once under Democratic rule and knew what it meant, and believed her race would have no assurance of safety in this country after Cleveland's inauguration. She said that while the Republicans were in power she felt safe, but now she was afraid, and that it was through this fear alone that she had determined to leave the country. They left that afternoon for Montreal.

### Knightly Courtesies.

Wednesday evening last, some thirty or more members of Narragansett Commandery, K. T. of Westerly, made a fraternal visit to Washington Commandery of this city. It was the evening of the regular meeting of Washington Commandery and the visitors witnessed the conferring of the temple degrees, after which a collation was served in the room below and everybody apparently went in for a good time. The Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, E. H. Chapin of Springfield, accompanied by E. O. K. Merrill, commander of Springfield Commandery, made his official visit to Washington Commandery on that occasion, and expressed himself much pleased with the flourishing condition of Washington Commandery. Among the prominent members of Narragansett Commandery present, were Dr. A. G. Spicer, the commander, Past Commander Randall, Hon. James M. Pendleton, Hon. Albert L. Chastice and Hon. Samuel H. Cross, all of whom are well known in this city. The visitors put up at the U. S. Hotel, and returned to Westerly the next morning.

### Mexico.

Prof. Harry W. French gave the first lecture of his course of illustrated lectures at the Opera House Monday evening. A large and intelligent audience greeted him. His subject was Mexico, the Venetia of the Aztecs, a country of contradictions. In her the tropics and the Arctic are side by side, the soft and beautiful in nature exists beneath the bleak and terrible, and magnificence and poverty go hand in hand. The lecture was of itself intensely interesting and the illustrations of Mexico's palaces and hovels, her mountains, lakes and beautiful natural scenery added much to the pleasure of the entertainment.

Next Monday evening Prof. French will give the Poet's corners of Great Britain, illustrating the homes of England's famous writers, the beautiful lake and mountain scenery, etc. This is said to be one of his finest lectures. There are a few more good seats for sale for this course.

The remains of the late Commander S. Dana Greene, U. S. N., were received at Bristol Tuesday and placed in a receiving tomb. The committal services were attended by a large concourse of friends.

Richard H. Wheeler has a real Southern poem on exhibition at his market on Ferry Wharf.

### More about the Bat.

Mr. Sanborn, in the last issue of the Mercury, over the signature of "Spectator" is an account of a bat-race on Washington Square by a young sailor in which the writer says in closing that there were spectators to the story. I propose to relate one of them as follows:

Some of the members of the family to which the young sailor belonged, for some reason imbibed the idea that his public performance had lowered the dignity of the family and disrespected them, and consequently they gave him the cut direct, and determined to shame him if it were possible, and the plan hit upon to do this was as follows: One of the peculiar characters upon our streets was a man who could not walk a dozen steps without stopping to pick up any scrap of paper, or shaving, which chanced to be in his path, and knowing this peculiarity they felt perfectly safe in employing him to perform a similar task to that performed by the young sailor. They arranged with him to perform it the next day, and if he succeeded they were to pay him five dollars. The employees were positively sure that he could not do it, on account of his well-known habit, and they of course could be "outraged." But they were mistaken in their man. The young sailor had heard of the contemplated plan to shame him and he called upon the employee, and in order to encourage him promised to go hand to "the thing through" and informed him of the opinion generally advanced that John—could not do it, for his singular habit of stopping at every few steps was so strong that it was impossible for him to fulfill his part of the contract. At the appointed hour the crowd was on hand as was also the employee and he immediately commenced the assigned task. The young sailor was at once hand and walked with him and encouraged him to persevere. He did so, and at noon when the job was fully accomplished he went with him to the employer who held the stakes, and saw them paid to the man who had so fairly, and so unexpectedly earned them. The young sailor then asked "Who is now the biggest fool? I, who am twenty or thirty dollars in pocket, or you who are five dollars out of pocket?" The reply came homely, "I believe on the whole I am." All the parties engaged in the above transaction (with the exception of the one employee) are still living. These facts are known to ONE OF YOUR READERS.

### Centennial Exercises.

The second annual meeting of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this city in observance of the centennial anniversary of that denomination in America, was held at the Thames street church on Sunday. An unusually large audience was present and talks on various topics of the church history were very interesting. Rev. Joseph H. H. H. of the First Church was the first speaker, and he took for his subject the "Decline of the Church as Set forth in the Beginning." He was followed by Justice Darius Baker who spoke upon the "Folly of the M. E. Church." Mr. A. C. Titus then read a paper upon the growth of the church during the hundred years of its existence, and Rev. F. E. Clark, pastor of the Thames street church, closed the exercises with an interesting explanation of the methods by which the success of the church had been achieved.

### Dedicatory Services.

The new lecture room of the Shiloh Baptist church is completed and dedicatory services will be held there Tuesday afternoon. Rev. R. N. Fairfax of Haverhill, Mass., will deliver the sermon at 2:45. In the evening services will be conducted by Rev. F. W. Ryder of the First Baptist church. Other clergymen will participate at these services and the public are cordially invited to be present. The rooms over the lecture-room are finished off for a parsonage and are now occupied by the pastor, Rev. H. N. Jeter.

### How the Dutch took Holland.

Col. Geo. E. Waring delivered an instructive and interesting lecture on the Making of Holland to the Uxley Club and their friends Thursday evening. He explained with the aid of maps and charts the great drainage and engineering works of Holland, particularly the Beemster and Harlem Lakes. He explained the construction of the dykes, dikes, canals and windmills and other hydraulic works of the Netherlands, interspersing his account with pleasant pictures of the life of the scene of these exploits. A vote of thanks was passed to the speaker.

### Contracts Awarded.

At a meeting of the Board of Health Tuesday evening the proposals for the removal of twill and horse-dung were opened, and the contracts awarded as follows: First Ward, D. Withers, \$300; Second Ward, John McMahon, \$800; Third Ward, H. D. McKello, Jr., \$900; Fourth Ward, William Thurston, \$700; Fifth Ward, Paul M. Ellis, \$800. There were a large number of bids for each ward, many of them lower than those of the successful ones. The Board awarded the contracts to those they thought the most reliable.

### A Knightly Surprise.

The Ladies of Berkeley Lodge, No. 410, K. & L. of I., gave their Knight's very pleasant surprise at the regular meeting of the lodge Wednesday evening. After the usual routine of business had been gone through with, the gentlemen were invited to remain a few moments to listen to some music and then, to their complete surprise, they were introduced to an excellent collation of ice cream, cake, etc. There were about twenty present and a thoroughly good time was enjoyed till 11 o'clock.

Owing to the many other attractions on Christmas Day the trial will be postponed Tuesday evening instead of Thursday, next week. The trial will then try to redeem themselves by beating the Wide-awakes at Polo.

### CHRISTMAS.

#### Where to Buy Presents for Old and Young.

Next Thursday will be Christmas, and the four days intervening are destined to be the busiest of all the year throughout the world. For Christmas is not simply a national holiday, but is observed by every Christian people as the anniversary of the birth of Christ, their common Saviour. This day, too, is observed much alike by all nations. Business is suspended and family reunions, with feasting and merriment are the order everywhere.

The old and young are probably brought in closer communion with each other on this occasion than on any other during the entire year, for it is a celebration in which to unite and which would be a total failure with the absence of either. Christmas without a Santa Claus, especially in New England, would be no Christmas at all, and without the "old folks" that famous gentleman could not exist, while without children there would be no need of him. But where there are both, and the elder enter into the occasion with the spirit of the younger, each household becomes the veritable headquarters of old Santa Claus and his stockings at the mantel-piece, no matter how many, become filled, or a brilliantly lighted tree, handsomely decked with "Christmas gifts for all," is placed in the center of some room which for twenty-four hours previous has been closed to the inquisitive little ones.

This exchanging of Christmas gifts between present and absent friends and relatives has become such a custom as to make it almost absolutely necessary that everybody should give something, and the question as to what it shall be and where to buy it is a decidedly perplexing one at least. It may be greatly facilitated, however, by a careful perusal of the advertising columns of the Mercury, which form a complete index to all the best dealers in the city and will direct you to an immediate and easy solution of the troublesome problem.

The husband and wife, in choosing presents for each other, should do so with a view to their usefulness as well as their beauty. Now what could be more useful or acceptable to the husband or wife than a nice easy chair in which to rest himself or herself after a hard day's work? There are all the various designs and of all the different materials known to manufacture, and hundreds of other articles equally appropriate for Christmas presents, may be found at the emporium of Messrs.

#### A. C. TITUS & CO.

Writing desks, chiffoniers, cabinet cases, mantel, book cases and racks, bric-a-brac cabinets and what-not, fancy tables, hanging and stand lamps, breakfast, dinner and tea-tables, parlor, silver-ware, plaques, mats, rugs, carpets, furniture of every grade, mantle ornaments and knick-knacks, in fact everything which could be desired for comfort or ornament to furnish a home from cellar to garret may be found here. Do not sit and out-better at the elegant things through the show windows, thinking that a bit of money would be required to buy, but go inside where you are sure to be courteously received and shown all over the immense establishment, whether you wish to buy or not. There is no better assortment in this line in New England to select from, and you will be surprised at the reasonableness of the prices. The Messrs. Titus have just filled a special order for one of their elegant sets of furniture to represent our city at the New Orleans Exposition. Since moving to their new store they have established a flourishing and wide reputation, their books showing orders from all the New England and Middle and most of the Southern States. The children, those at least who are large enough to "go down stairs with papa or mamma," will no doubt think it significant to undertake to explain to them when Santa Claus gives their wares, for their bright eyes must see this have piled the crowded ware room.

#### A. C. GANDERS.

At 167 Thames street, as the inexhaustible mine from which he supplies the world with logs. And no wonder, for within the house of this popular dealer is stored all that the ingenuity of man has conceived for the amusement and instruction of children. Here are dolls, without care the kitchen, Noah's ark, toy-chests, tea-tables, story and picture books, rocking horses, perambulators, sleds, volleys, pades, skates, rubber balls, all kinds of games, and, in fact, everything that could be thought of to make a boy or girl happy, and at exceedingly low prices. Then, too, in selecting gifts for the little ones from this store, you are sure to find appropriate presents for those of mature years—just what your husband or wife or old friend, or what would be sure to meet the wants of an older son or daughter, brother or sister, lover or sweetheart. There is everything here, as the saying is, from a needle to an anchor; handsome penmanship sets, elegant hand mirrors, elaborate comb and brush sets, work baskets, toilet sets, writing desks, smoking sets, all kinds of lamps, workstands, card tables, complete assortment of West's stationary and other articles, large and small, cheap and expensive, too numerous to mention.

While in quest of useful gifts for the men, however, whether young or old, it would be well to remember that just at this season no more acceptable present could be found anywhere than at the clothiers'. Here, too, the Mercury columns will be found advantageous in directing you to the best and most reliable houses.

THE NEW YORK ONE PRICE CLOTHING CO. keeps such a place as you would wish to patronize at the corner of Mill and Thames streets. They are offering unusual inducements, too, for the holiday trade. Having declared their intention to clear their counters of their present stock, before the first of January, they will sell out their husband, son, brother, or friend out with an overcoat or a whole set of clothes at 20 to 40 per cent less than the usual price. It is comparatively a new store, this being the first Christmas, and the proprietor, Mr. Samuel Morris, is determined to please all who patronize it. The stock is large and complete and an examination of its counters will insure satisfaction both in the quality and style of the goods as well as in the price.

But the children are complaining of our injustice in limiting Santa Claus' capacity for toys to one "mine" when he really has two in Newport, and that reminds us that we have not mentioned

A. W. LUTHER'S ST. NICHOLAS, one of the best stock-of-stores to be found in New England. They do well to complain too, it would be disloyal to do otherwise, for few places have supplied them with the real enjoyment that this same St. Nicholas has, and will. Their stockings must be filled, and St. Nicholas is the "fellow" to do it, as a visit to this wonderful museum will convince you. Here are dolls that sing and dance, that cry, for the child; the trumpet and snare drums, for the boys; tin kit-heus and dolls' play-houses for the girls; muskets and soldiers, for the boys; and blocks, story and picture books, and games and puzzles of all kinds, for both; and so we might go on enumerating ad infinitum. But go and see for yourself, and when you have tired looking at children's toys inspect the large assortment of handsome presents appropriate for the older ones.

ALBERT G. SPISGLER is also making great preparations for the holidays and his jewelry establishment at No. 13 Franklin street is one of the most attractive in the State. He has a varied yet complete assortment of all kinds in his line, such as diamonds, gold and silver watches, clocks, solid and plated chains, charms, scarf-pins, rings, necklaces, brooches, breast-pins, earrings, opera and field glasses, and gold and silver plated ware of all kinds and descriptions. His stock, which embraces all the latest styles and designs of manufacture, has been selected with great care and cannot fail to suit the most fastidious.

For ready-made clothing of all grades and of the very latest styles, there can be no better place than the old established house of JOHN K. BRAUNLEY, 218 and 220 Thames street, where men, youths or boys can be fitted with every article of wearing apparel, with perhaps the exception of hats, at the very lowest prices. Here too may be found a large and well-selected stock of ladies' and children's wares and furs at prices as low as the quality of the goods will admit. Those contemplating a purchase in this line this winter will do well to do so before the first of January, as these goods are all marked down until that date.

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F. N. HANCOCK & CO., at 145 Thames street, always extensive dealers in first-class family groceries, crockery and glass ware, confectionery, etc., have got in an extra stock of all kinds of canned goods and fruit for their holiday trade, and, as these are among the principal ingredients in the children's Christmas diet, the fact should not be forgotten. They also offer a handsome line of hanging and bracket lamps for holiday presents.

THE KEYSTONE, of course, is headquarters in Newport for all kinds of ladies' and children's garments, and their Christmas stock of gloves, mittens, fur caps, mufflers, for trimmings, etc., is unsurpassed in the State. Their customers, too, are kept with holiday specialties such as toilet sets, comb-and-brush sets, albums, work-broom cases, children's toys and games, etc.

#### THE KEYSTONE.

"the better," has an exceedingly fine assortment of gent's furnishings at his store in Sherman's block, from which both handsome and useful presents could be selected for a man or boy. His stock of street and driving gloves, neck ties, scarves, canes, fur caps, scarf-pins and cuff buttons is large and handsome and cannot fail to satisfy any who wish to give presents in this line.

JOHN ROGERS, at 210 Thames street, thinks no husband or father could give his family any more suitable present, one that would more completely combine beauty, pleasure and benefit, than a Mason & Hamlin organ or a piano. He offers these goods at very low prices on the installment plan, which makes it comparatively easy for those in moderate circumstances to purchase. Besides a large stock of all kinds of musical instruments, Mr. Rogers keeps a great variety of miscellaneous goods for holiday presents.

#### D. C. DENHAM.

At No. 276 Thames street, offers a full line of Christmas goods consisting of gloves and collar buttons, brooches and studs, diamond and stone rings, plain and band rings, napkin rings, watches, bracelets, gold eye glasses, spectacles, thermometers, silver plated knives, forks, & spoons, children's sets, cake baskets, pickle dishes, children's cups, etc.

#### TAYLOR & BENNETT.

Clothiers at 180 Thames street, should not be forgotten as they are in the search of Christmas presents for gent-men. Their stock of ties, cuff-buttons, handkerchiefs, multi-rail, handkerchiefs, etc., is large and well selected.

#### D. L. COMINGS.

Watchmaker and jeweler at No. 140 Thames street has a well-selected stock of watches, rings, pins, bracelets, sleeve and collar buttons, in gold and silver, new designs in toilet cases, penmanship, stationery, Christmas cards, etc., from which to choose Christmas presents.

#### STONISH & ROWLEE.

proprietors of the "New York Store" in Sherman's block, have a large stock of stylish and fancy dry goods from which may be selected handsome and useful presents for the ladies and children.

#### JOHN H. COZZENS & SON.

continue to carry a large and complete stock of ready-made clothing and gent's furnishings goods, and are offering special attractions for the Christmas trade. No more suitable or acceptable present for man or boy could be found anywhere than here.

What more useful present could you make your wife than a sewing machine?

F. A. WAITE, dealer in staple and fancy dry goods, at 203 Thames street, is sole agent for the Domestic, which is a great favorite among the ladies.

#### CARWELL, MANSKY & CO.

have a handsome assortment of Christmas presents in penmanship, toilet sets, bottles and other articles to cut glass, thermometers, hand-mirrors, etc.

If you think your wife would like a new carpet, or a handsome rug or mat for Christmas, and of course she would, you should go to

#### W. C. COZZENS & CO.

at 138 Thames street, who keep them in great variety.

Handsome presents for gentlemen such as scarves, ties, pins, cuff and collar buttons, etc., may be found at

#### T. J. O'BRIEN'S.

the hatter and gent's furnishing goods dealer, at 241 Thames street.

If you have a gentleman friend who smokes, and wish to make that gentleman everlastingly your debtor, go to

#### J. D. RICHARDSON & CO.

and purchase a present for him from their holiday stock of smokers' articles. It is the most extensive in the city.

#### MCCARTHY BROS.

In Coltrill's block, Thames street, have an excellent stock of leather goods suitable for Christmas presents.

#### W. M. F. CLARKE.

the news dealer, has his usual holiday stock of Christmas cards, fancy stationery, story and picture books of all kinds, which he is selling very low this year.

Handsome and useful presents, such as easy chairs in willow and upholstered wares, fancy tables, writing desks, etc., can be found in abundance at

#### M. COTTRILL'S, COTTRILL'S BLOCK.

A more appropriate or acceptable present than a handsome, well-framed picture it would be difficult to conceive. An excellent assortment of this class of Christmas gifts may be found at 12 Broadway.

#### WM. H. ARNOLD'S.

A full line of all kinds of fancy outfitting and party favors, etc., for Christmas presents for old and young, male and female, can be seen at the hardware store of

#### WICKHAM, BUCKHAM & CO.

Handsome and appropriate Christmas presents, of all kinds and descriptions, can also be found at the auction rooms of

#### T. W. FURNACE.

For ready-made Christmas slippers of all kinds, both plain and fancy, or to have the slippers you have worked, sold, go to

#### T. MUMFORD SKEANSKY'S.

Handsome and appropriate Christmas presents can also be found in abundance at the house-furnishing goods store of

#### WM. K. COVILL, JR.

For confectionery, fruits, nuts, evergreens, and Christmas trees for Christmas, go to

#### CANNY BROS.

A handsome new set of hanging, stand and bracket lamps, mantle ornaments and children's toys may be found at the corner of Thames and Frank streets, in

#### WALSH BROS. NEW STORE.

Read's Block at the upper end of Thames street, has several tenants whose wares would be acceptable presents at any time but more especially now. R. P. Marsh has a full line of new and second-hand furniture, book-cases, brooches, cabinets, etc., and the Centennial Tea Co. a large stock of choice family groceries, confectionery, nuts, etc., while up-stairs are the photograph parlors of

#### Chas. W. Holloway

whose reputation as a photographer is first-class.

A two of 'em would be an acceptable present most anywhere at this season of the year and can be obtained in best quality and at lowest prices, at P. B. Reynolds & Co.'s opposite post office; Peoples Coal Co.'s on Ferry Row; Wharf; or at Pinniger & Manchester's, 341 Thames street.

T. J. L. Farrow has a full line of all kinds of firearms and ammunition; also of watches, clocks and jewelry, at 48 Washington square.

Harold & Horton, manufacturers, have a handsome line of all kinds of new and antique furniture at their old established warehouse on Church street; call and see them.

Job T. Langley, at the old stand of Finch, Engle & Co., has a complete assortment of all kinds of cutlery, such as pocket knives, ladies' work cases, etc., from which an excellent present may be chosen.

In selecting a present for an absent friend or relative you should bear in mind that nothing could be sent them which would be more acceptable than the

#### MERCURY FOR 1885.

This valuable paper, together with the Good Cheer, an excellent twenty-page monthly, we will send for \$2 in the United States, postage paid, for \$2; or you can have the Mercury sent to one address and the Good Cheer to another, thus by giving two presents for the price of one.

Thomas J. Weaver of this city, whose illness in New York was briefly mentioned in last week's Mercury, is seriously sick with pneumonia. His physicians express hopes of his ultimate recovery though it will require all winter. This exceedingly unfortunate for Mr. Weaver, as, after having been out of employment for a long time, he had obtained a good situation with a large firm in New York and had just entered upon the duties of his new position.

A valuable New York letter belonging to Mrs. R. M. Hunt died from the effects of poison on Tuesday. Fearing that the drug might have been removed in order to clear away for burials, Mrs. Hunt reported the fact to police headquarters, and the night policeman had a sharp lookout in that vicinity since. Valuable dogs belonging to Mrs. Edw. and King and Mr. Daniel Letoy have also been recently killed by poison.

The recent erection of Beyer's Exchange on Thames street has furnished the city with another hall for public and private entertainments and those who have accepted it speak in high terms of its arrangements. The room is 40x75 feet in size with a raised platform 2x16 feet, and is well ventilated. It is lighted with a Siemens R. gasolene light of 200 candle power. The hall will easily accommodate 400 persons.

A few minutes before 11 o'clock Wednesday night a fire alarm was sounded from box 12, a fire having been discovered in Martin's second-hand furniture store on Bridge street. Several steamers were promptly on hand but a hydrant near by proved sufficient to extinguish the flames. The damage was slight.

The Mianitoni golf club had a clay pigeon shoot near the first beach Monday, but owing to adverse winds and the want of practice the score was not as good as the members expected to make later on. Joseph Brown, captain, made the best record, getting 6 out of a possible 10, with 25 yards line.

The children of Trinity church Sunday school will have their Christmas festival in Casino Hall, Church street, Monday evening of next week.

## Newport Charity Organization Society.

The sixth annual meeting of this society was held at the Young Men's Christian Association rooms, President Edmund Twedy in the chair. After the reading came to order His Honor Mayor Franklin was called upon to provide as he took the chair he made a few remarks upon the harmony with which the officers of the society and the city's officers of the poor worked together, and the advantages of such a system.

The treasurer's report, giving the following table of receipts and expenses for the year, was then read by Vice President F. W. Tilton:

Balance from last year	\$472 64	\$472 64
Received from annual dues	74 00	
Received from donations	825 00	
Received from Miss Mason for special purpose	33 00	
Received from repayment of loans	25 00	
Received from relief funds	106 84	
Received from Trustees' Fund	20 29	1,774 14
		\$1,648 78

Rent of office	PAID	60 00
Janitor		30 00
Salary		400 00
For investigation		4 00
Food		16 80
Laundry		20 00
Printing and stationery		10 45
Postage		17 99
Rental since April last		37 00
Transportation of papers from city		28 75
Repairs on stoves and pipes		6 21
Cleaning office		1 00
Rent of schoolhouse		20 00
School for home-hand work		100 00
Balance on hand		738 08
		\$1,648 78

Mr. Tilton also read the annual report of the Board of Reference, of which the following is an extract:

During the year ending Dec. 1, 1884, the number of families applying for relief is 95, and these, allowing for 13 hopeless and chronic paupers, are such as may be called the worthy poor; that is, 29 old and infirm persons, and 64 cases of accident and temporary need; of the latter, 12 a deal or otherwise, it is interesting to ask, what has become of them? Through some of the ways we need help during the coming winter. We began the work in 1878-79 with 323 families then receiving out-door relief and charity which was supplemented from other sources. It is interesting to ask, what has become of that large number of families who are now self-supporting, though some of them may need help during the coming winter. We began the work in 1878-79 with 323 families then receiving out-door relief and charity which was supplemented from other sources. It is interesting to ask, what has become of that large number of families who are now self-supporting, though some of them may need help during the coming winter.

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## Poetry.

December.

ALFRED TENNYSON.

A spirit haunts the year's last hours,  
Drilling amidst these yellowing bowers;  
To himself he talks:  
For at eventide, listening earnestly,  
At his work you may hear him sob and sigh.

In the walks  
Earthward he bows the heavy stalks of the  
mouldering flowers;  
Over the grass, the earth so chilly;  
Heavily hangs the hollyhock,  
Heavily hangs the tiger lily.

The air is damp, and hushed, and close,  
As a high man's room, where he  
reposes.

And before death:  
My heart faints and my whole soul  
grieves  
At the moist, rich smell of the rotting  
leaves.

And the breath  
Of the fading edges of box and yew, and the  
year's last rose;

Heavily hangs the broad sunflower  
Over its grave, the earth so chilly;  
Heavily hangs the hollyhock,  
Heavily hangs the tiger lily.

A Woman's Answer.

Do you know you have asked for the coziest  
thing  
Ever made by the hand above?  
A woman's heart, and a woman's life,  
And a woman's wonderful love?

Do you know you have asked for this price-  
less thing  
As a child might ask for a toy?  
Demanding what others have died to win,  
With the reckless dash of a boy?

You have written my lesson of duty out;  
Man-like you have questioned me;  
Now stand at the bar of my woman's soul,  
Until I shall question thee.

You require your nation shall always be hot,  
Your socks and shirts be white;  
I require your heart to be true as God's stars,  
And true as His heaven, your soul.

You require a cook for your mutton and beef,  
I require a greater thing;  
A seamstress to sew me waiting for socks and  
for shirts.

I look for a man and a king.

A king for the beautiful realm called home,  
A man that the maker, God,  
Shall look upon as he did on the first,  
And say "It is very good."

I am a fair and young, but the rose will fade  
From my cheek one day;  
Will you love me then, mid the fallow leaves,  
As you did 'mid the blooms of May?

Is your heart an ocean so strong and deep,  
I may launch my all in its tide?  
A loving woman's faith heaven or hell  
On the day she becomes a bride.

I require all things that are grand and  
true,  
All things that a man should be,  
If you give this I would stake my life  
To be all you demand of me.

If you cannot be this, a landlady and cook  
You can hire, and little to pay;  
But a woman's heart, and a woman's life,  
Are not to be won that way.

## Selected Tale.

NANCY HILL'S CHRISTMAS.

BY LYDIA WOOD.

CHAPTER I.

The night not in dark and chill. All  
day long a fine, frosty sleet had fall-  
en, which, as the wind rose in length-  
ened gusts, changed to fast-falling  
snow-flakes.

All day the note of preparation had  
sounded in Abraham Plum's kitchen;  
for it was the day before Christmas.  
Mr. Plum shoved the last quartette  
of pies into the oven, shut the door  
with a clang, and began to clear away  
the supper table. She was a short,  
fat woman; yet she was brisk in her  
movements this evening, and as she  
swept into the pantry laden with blue-  
edged plates and tea-cups, an air of  
pride was visible. She lingered to  
look at the result of her toil, and to  
count for the twentieth time, the row  
of pies on the shelf before the win-  
dow.

Three plum, two gooseberry, four  
blackberry, eight apple, fifteen mince,  
and a great plateful of cranberry tart!

Mr. Plum came in also, an admir-  
ing expression gradually stealing over  
his face. "I want if you haven't got  
a show! Why, you haven't counted them  
in the oven!"

"So I did!" ejaculated his wife.  
"They are mince. They always go  
off faster'n any other." She broke  
off a bit of burnt crust as big as a cen-  
tury cake.

"Come, mother, you've looked at  
'em long enough for one day. You've  
got all day to-morrow, too, to see 'em  
in."

"No, I hain't," said she in his wife.  
"Dear me, what a sight to be done  
to-morrow! I hope Sarah'll come  
over early to help. I rather looked for  
Nancy to-day."

Her husband drew a chair to the  
stove and seated himself. "I'd gone  
after her," said he, "only I knew Sam  
was cross-grained enough, not to let  
her come if I did. She's got to take  
him in the right mood, you know."

Mrs. Plum sighed and sat down to  
rest. This Nancy of whom they spoke  
was the youngest of her flock, not five  
years a wife. She was also unhappy  
in her marriage—which accounted for  
her mother's sigh.

Samuel Hill had been a gay youth,  
and a handsome one. Courtied by all  
the girls of the village, he turned from  
their too evident homage to little  
Nancy Plum, the most serious mind-  
ed damsel of all. He called her, ten-  
derly, "The little parson's daughter." She,  
in her turn, was flattered by his pre-  
ference, and she yielded up her heart  
into his keeping, in spite of parental  
objection. It proved to be an act of  
folly on her part; he was a careless  
keeper. More than that he was at

times unkind. Her parents read the  
eloquent signs of misery in her face  
at every visit, but she never com-  
plained of him. Something in her  
look forbade direct inquiry—a look as  
if she had deliberately counted the  
cost of existence, and nerved herself  
to endure it. How many times she  
inwardly wished herself a girl again  
at home was known only to herself.  
They had not been married two years  
before he drank openly instead of in  
secret. Whole days were passed away  
from her—where? She knew—and  
cried over the knowledge.

Mr. Plum looked thoughtfully at  
the stove. "He is a poor worthless  
creature, that's a fact. I used to tell Nancy  
that she'd sup sorrow if she married  
him, but she would have her own  
way."

"I can't do no good after the  
thing's done," said "I told you so."—  
The expression of excited antici-  
pation had fled from Mrs. Plum's face;  
she put her feet on the stone hearth  
and rested her elbows on her knees as  
she mused aloud. "It's all a look an'  
by chance business any way. 'Cause  
some occasionally git cheated, 'I don't  
foller that they're 'blame. None of  
us are very sharp sighted in such mat-  
ters. I warn't. I shet my eyes and  
said, 'Yes, knowin' no more'n the  
man in the moon whether I should re-  
pent or not."

"Well, have you?" asked her hus-  
band, archly.

She smiled mischievously. "Spoke  
I'd own it if I thought I'd come off  
spindango?"

"That's just like wimmin," said  
Mr. Plum; "they're no queer. Own  
it? Yes, I'd proclaim it from Dan-  
to Beersheba, and so serve as a warn-  
in'."

"His wife laughed. "All wim-  
min are out in the same pattern, I be-  
lieve. There's Nancy, now. I expect  
she'd eat her tongue sooner'n step up  
'n me 'n say, 'Father, Sam abuses  
me.'"

"I'll be sleighin' to-morrow, I  
guess," Mrs. Plum rose and went to  
the window. "Why, the ground's  
white already," leading her eyes  
with her hands and peering into the  
darkness.

"That's like wimmin, too," chuck-  
led Mr. Plum. "When you git the  
better of 'em in an argument they  
always change the subject."

The morning came, and with it all  
of the married offshoots of the house  
of Plum. First came Sarah, with  
children three—husband to follow  
when the chores were done. She bore  
a special commission as serving maid  
from her mother, and she smilingly  
accepted the honor. The kitchen and  
keeping room were crowded with hap-  
py faces long before noon. New  
dresses were displayed in small clouds  
of mutual admiration faces. Loud  
voices and impromptu jests were the  
order of things, crowned by hearty  
bursts of laughter. In the midst of it  
all the mother and grandmother moved  
with an anxious face, lest some un-  
timely happening spoil the fun.

Grandfather constituted himself a  
butt for the childish mirth, and his  
ringing laugh sounded younger than  
theirs.

Twelve o'clock struck. The mas-  
ters came back from church. The  
big turkey roasting in one oven began  
to steam fragrantly; the fat sparerib  
in the other began to hiss and spit  
as the mistress of the feast turned it  
over with sprinkling of salt and pepper.  
The children were made hungry by  
the smell, and clamored loudly for  
dinner, and were appeased with thick  
cuts of gingerbread, which they were  
round munching—shouting and crum-  
bling—so that a great confusion reigned.

Two o'clock struck. The long  
tables assumed the festive air of spring  
and leaved out with astonishing  
rapidity. Children were thrust into an  
adjoining bedroom to be put out of  
the way, when they set up a series of  
agonizing choruses. The blue-edged  
cocker kept ignominiously in the  
pantry, while fair white china arrang-  
ed itself on the board. Pickles and  
preserves crept aside by elide; "cold  
slaw" trimmed huge bowls; jelly  
quaked and quivered; hearty "brown  
bread" did not disdain to lie alongside  
its paler relative.

"We may as well give up seein'  
Nancy fust as last," sighed Mr. Plum,  
as he beat up the lumpy squash with  
butter. "I've kept hopin' she'd git  
here yet, but she won't. I know she's  
feelin' like death about it, a thinkin'  
of you all here 'cept herself. Jooz,  
look out for your dress, dear! You'll  
burn it 'ginest that stove."

"She has not met with us in three  
years," answered Sarah, rather resent-  
fully pounding the turnip.

"'Taint her fault. Sam always  
has some excuse. Last year it was  
'the baby wasn't old enough to bring,  
and they couldn't leave it,' though  
Minta brought hers, which was two  
months younger."

"I's my opinion," rejoined Sarah,  
with an emphatic toss of the head,  
"that he's ashamed to face us alto-  
gether; he's carried on so that he  
must feel guilty, if he's got any con-  
science."

Three o'clock—and the magic word,  
"dinner!" echoed through the crowd.  
The mother's eyes glanced at Nancy's  
chair and filled. She would not no one  
occupy it. "Her heart is here," she  
said, in a low voice, "if her body is  
not."

CHAPTER II.

"It is Christmas Day," said Nancy  
Hill, at breakfast. "I suppose we are  
going home to-day; they'll all be  
there."

"Let them. Where is 'home,' I

wonder, if not here?" Her husband  
ate his breakfast sullenly.

"But I told mother we'd go," put  
in the wife, feebly.

"I can't help that. Am I respon-  
sible for what you say? I'm not  
going one step. I don't care a fig for  
all their meetings."

"Well, I can take the horse and go  
alone. I can drive, you know. And  
it's only eight miles away."

"I'm going to use the horse; I've  
got an engagement at Samson. I  
shan't be back to dinner."

"You can drive me over first. I  
must go," pleaded the disappointed  
creature. "Samson will be there with  
her children. She has just come from  
Minnetonka, and I haven't seen her  
since before I was married."

"Bother!" Mr. Samuel left the  
room. She heard him presently at the  
elder barrel.

And then her wrath rose. It was  
unjust, this state of servitude to a brute  
who despised her and her kindred.  
Her anger mounted on the wings of  
disappointment. She who had hitherto  
shown a mild spirit, and submissively  
yielded to his exactions, now re-  
belled. Instantaneously, all the in-  
stances of his direct unkindness flash-  
ed vividly into her recollection; anger  
aggravated the stings. Succeeding  
this rose her long forbearance, magni-  
fied by her resentment into martyr-  
like virtues. Indeed her life was a  
martyrdom. But she was powerless to  
quit.

Oh yes, she was powerless! The  
tie, however hateful, was binding unto  
death. "Would that death would  
come and take me and give me rest!"  
she wept.

There was something in his wife's  
tears very inflammable to the passion  
of Samuel Hill. He always met them  
with abuse. He had been drinking  
now, and was more insulting than  
ever before. Hard words followed;  
and, for the first time in his miserable  
life, he struck her.

She crouched, frightened, beside  
the cradle where her boy lay sleeping.  
There are some natures which the sign  
of fear in others determines to aggres-  
sion. It seemed as if with that one  
blow a whole ruble of evil instincts  
rushed out to follow after. I do not  
think he was conscious of what he did.  
The whiter she grew the louder his  
voice became.

Born in his passion Nancy noted  
how handsome he was; and, through  
her love for fear, except a few trembl-  
ing thrills of love for him still. Her anger  
utterly died for fear. If he would only  
stop she would say no more about  
going home; this would be no longer  
than other days. She would cling  
to her baby, and sew, and preserve  
silence towards him.

"I must dress myself first," she  
said sullenly.

"Indeed you shall go as you are.  
Here's a shawl! Start!"

"Are you not going to take us?"  
she faltered.

At which his loud laugh rang out.  
"Not I. 'Taint a fruit season; be-  
sides, I don't like plums."

"I won't stir one eye in this way;  
I'll call the neighbors," she declared.  
"Do, if you dare."

She was too afraid to perform her  
threat. Then, seeing she did not  
start, he took her by the wrist, and  
she found herself and baby out in the  
cold.

She crept under the woodshed, and  
sat down on a pile of boards and cried.  
Miserable had shown her a hold front be-  
fore; now it overwhelmed her. Her  
body shivered in her arms, and she  
wrapped the shawl carefully about  
him. She sat shivering. If some  
team would only come by and take  
her, just as she was, to her father's  
house! She would spoil the merry-  
making, of course, but they would not  
care for that. But no one came.

"Every one is happy but me," she  
thought with suppressed bitterness.  
"What have I done to deserve it?"

Alas, there it is! As if all discipline  
were an evil inflicted as punishment!  
How many weak souls, in the depths  
of their gloomy experience, utter the  
cry, unknowing that strength comes  
only in the struggle to endure.

Her husband came out presently and  
locked the door. Then he looked up  
the road and down. She shrank into  
a corner behind the boards; he did  
not see her and passed to the barn  
whistling. She heard him swear at  
the horse as he saddled it. Then he  
mounted and went off through the  
snow.

She crept out of the shadows. How  
to get into the house was the ques-  
tion. He would not be back before  
noon, she knew. She tried the doors;  
they were all fastened. The windows  
raised with difficulty from the inside;  
it was a hopeless task to open them  
from the outside. Besides she could  
not put her baby on the snow to make  
the attempt. His little hands were  
cold; he would cry, and she was  
too chilled to soothe him.

At last she thought of the dining-  
room window. Beside it was a door  
opening on the piazza; a fragment of  
glass had fallen from one of the lower  
panes, and if she should thrust her  
hand through she might unbolt the

door. Not it was too small a figure.  
Away she went to the shed again, and  
she found a broken barrel hoop with  
which she sped back as fast as her be-  
numbed limbs would carry her. This  
happened to hit the bell; she gave a  
vigorous push and heard it jingle. She  
rekindled the fire and sat down to  
think. After this experience she  
must leave him; it was evident that  
he wished it. But how mortifying to  
go back! Turned away by her hus-  
band with scoffs and jest!

She dressed her baby carefully;  
there was time enough. He should  
look his best at the Christmas feast, if  
he was the heir to an unhappy home.

Then she donned her own best gar-  
ments and made up a bundle to carry  
with her. As she busied herself thus  
her heart felt lighter. It seemed to  
her as if she had shaken off an incu-  
sion which had hitherto weighted her  
with iron.

"Come baby, we must star!" she  
sang to the child, who cooed in return  
and made a dive at her bonnet with  
his fat fingers.

She walked along the snowy road  
with light footsteps until the first  
two miles were passed. Then she be-  
gan to turn her head and with some  
team would come along; she should  
beg a ride. But she saw none. The  
sky was blue overhead, the sun shone  
brightly. The leafless branches of  
the trees were frightened with sol-  
id snow which glistened in the clear sun-  
shine. The air was crisp and cold,  
but still. It stung her cheeks into  
ruddy flame as she walked.

It was hard walking. The road was  
indicated only by a plough line, where  
hoofs had been before her. The snow  
covered her ankles, encumbering her  
stockings with considerable pieces,  
which she paused from time to time  
to pick off. It was a pleasant duty  
to those who walked or rode for pleasure.

For Nancy, the recreation of the  
morning clothed her spirit with bitter  
ness, darkening her whole future.

The short afternoon waned; night  
fell ere she reached the village. Her  
limbs ached with cold and fatigue;  
her boy cried; she had eaten nothing  
since morning. Her whole soul seem-  
ed poised itself on the wings of des-  
pair.

Always when we think our last ag-  
ony is reached there glimmers a respite  
beyond. We cry out in our extremity  
and make our frantic plunge, and  
lo! we have waded the brook. We  
grasp along blindly; and it is only  
when we calm our fainting fears to  
look back, that we see the method  
which has guided us to a surer foot-  
ing.

A light now became visible to the  
stricken wanderer. It came from her  
father's many windows, ray after ray,  
which urged on her weary feet. Dis-  
tance shortened itself unaccountably.  
She stood before the door!

What a plight she was in! Should  
she spoil their report? She looked over  
the snowy fields and shuddered. They  
were playing "blind man's bluff" in-  
side. Peal after peal of laughter came  
to her, cold and silent on the door-  
stone. She was ashamed to go in—  
was ashamed to say that her husband  
sent her so.

The door suddenly opened. Sarah's  
little boy looked out, and with a cry  
of fear slammed it too again. He  
thought he had seen a ghost.

How they started when she stepped  
inside! Old and young thronged  
around her, crying for sorrow at her  
distress and for joy at her appearance.

"I have come to spend Christmas,"  
said Nancy amid tears, and she sank  
into a chair.

"And you are heartily welcome,  
daughter," answered Mr. Plum, in a  
broken voice. "Let it be for us  
ways."

And then they all cried again—  
the children because their mother wept.  
"Hooray!" shouted Mr. Plum, sud-  
denly, wiping his eyes with his yellow  
silk handkerchief. "Mother, are those  
mince pies gone?"

"I hope not," answered the dame,  
briefly.

"Any cold turkey and things?"  
"Let us all help!" was the general  
shout, and a rush was made for the  
pantry.

The long tangle came out again with  
despatch. On it marched the army of  
plates and cups and saucers. And  
though the second dinner was cold it  
was complete; there was no want  
of cheer.

"Oh, Nancy," said Mr. Plum, when  
the guests had all gone and only the  
three sat round the stove talking,  
"this has been a better Christmas than  
the last to me, for then I did not ex-  
pect to ever leave you back."

The mother only looked at her.

"For me, too," rejoined Nancy;  
she added presently, in a low voice,  
"Mr. Plum's smile was more than  
words, as he reached forth his  
hand and rocked the cradle, the old,  
old cradle, which had held them all;  
and which had been brought from the  
garret, late as was the hour, that her  
boy might miss no accustomed com-  
fort."

"Any reduction in the price of cloth-  
ing?" he asked. "Very large reduc-  
tion," answered the dealer. "I would  
like to buy a pair of pantaloons if I  
can get them cheap enough." "Well,  
sir, prices have all gone to pieces,"  
particularly on pantaloons. The bot-  
tom had fairly dropped out." "In that  
case, said the customer, turning to go,  
I guess I will stick to my old ones for  
a while yet."

It was a very wet day when an um-  
brella was left.

## They Helped Each Other Out.

A colored man was busily engaged  
in sawing wood for Col. Powle, when  
the latter observed that the bottom of  
the man and the brother, so to speak,  
was adorned by an Old Fellow's old  
breastpin.

"Do the white Old Fellows and the  
colored Old Fellows affiliate?" asked  
Col. Powle.

"Don't. A white wuf a cuss, but they  
helps each other out."

"Well, that is the same thing, ain't  
it?"

"No, sir; hain't not the same thing."  
"What's the difference?"

The colored man stopped sawing  
wood and made the following explana-  
tion:

"Last week, when dat norther was  
a freezin' de winter in yer bones, I  
went into de saloon of a white man  
who toles dis very same emblem. I  
was in distress, as I had a drama dat  
morin', so I gib him de signal of dis-  
tress."

"Did he respond?"

He didn't gib de proper response.  
De proper response would had been to  
rub his hand over his right hand and  
so hab sot out de bottle."

"Then he did not respond to you  
correc'ly?"

No, sir, he made a motion at de  
dosh wid one hand and reached under  
de bar wid de adder. I made de Old  
Fellows' signal of distress once moah,  
and den somethin' hard hit me on de  
head and knocked me clean out in de  
street."

"Then the colored Old Fellows and  
de white Old Fellows do not affiliate?"

"Just what I told yer. Day don't  
affiliate, but dey helps each adder out.  
I was helped out into de street wid a  
bung-starter—'Ilyate means to set out  
de 'freshments.'"

A Sinful Posture 200 Years Ago.

The following law and law case are  
taken from the records of the New  
Haven colony in 1609. The statute  
says: "Whoever shall inveigle or  
draw the affections of any male or  
female servant, either to himself or  
others, without first gaining the con-  
sent of her parents, shall pay to the  
plantation for the first offence, forty  
shillings; for the second, four pounds;  
for the third he shall be imprisoned or  
corporally punished." Under this  
law at a court held in May, 1609,  
Jacobeth Martine and Sarah Tait-  
t were prosecuted "for selling down  
a chesta together, his arms around  
her waist, and her arms upon his  
shoulder or about his neck, and contin-  
uing in that sinful posture about  
half an hour, in which time he kissed  
her and she kissed him, or they kysed  
one another, as ye witnesses testi-  
fied."

He was Accommodating.

When Huddle was in New York,  
strolling about and seeing what was  
to be seen, he noticed by the side  
door of a large mansion on Fourth  
avenue, right under the bell, the  
words:

"Please ring the bell for janitor."

After reflecting a few moments,  
Huddle walked up and gave the bell  
such a pull that one might have sup-  
posed he was trying to extricate it by  
the roots. In a few moments so angry  
faced man rose open the door.

"Are you the janitor?" asked Hud-  
dle.

"Yes; what do you want?"

"I saw that notice 'Please ring the  
bell for janitor,' so I rang the bell for  
you, and now I want to know why you  
can't ring it for yourself."

First Philadelphia male civic, aged  
18: "I am getting awfully tired of  
society. Nothing but conversation  
and dancing." Second P. M. C., aged  
17: "Y-a-a-a, awful tiresome." Girl  
from the West: "I suppose it is  
not well for you to talk too much, but  
your leg ought to be strong at your  
age."

A tramp stopped at a house on  
Main street the other day, and asked  
for something to eat. "What do you  
like best?" asked the hired girl.  
"Steak or chop?" The tramp hesi-  
tated a moment and then replied:  
"Chop." "Step right this way,"  
said the girl. "Here's the steak and there  
is the wondpile."

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## The Newport Mercury.

JOHN P. SANBORN, Editor and Proprietor.  
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1884.

A large number of Providence politicians have been in Washington this past week.

The Republicans of Tennessee think they have some slight show of carrying that State some time in the dim future. Hardly.

They are having a cold winter in Canada. Snow is some two feet deep, and the thermometer ranges from 10 to 25 degrees below zero.

Senator Sheffield is doing good work in Congress and is getting to be very popular among his associates. The State cannot do better than keep him there.

There will, according to present indications, be a smaller vote cast in Rhode Island next year than there was at the last Presidential election. The registered voters are not coming forward as rapidly as they did a year ago.

Senator Sheffield, from the committee on claims, in the U. S. Senate made an extended adverse report upon the claim of a Southern woman for damage to property during the Rebellion. The report was well received by the committee and by the Senate.

It is claimed that Gov. Robinson is booked to be the successor of Senator Dawes of Massachusetts. The friends of ex-Gov. Long, however, will push his claims to a test in that body, while Senator Dawes himself will not be without a strong support. The Senatorship in Massachusetts will not be a walk over for any one.

The members of Cleveland's Cabinet are getting numerous and embrace one or more prominent Democrats from every State in the Union. It is generally concluded that Bayard will be Secretary of State, and further than that in guessing no one seems inclined to go. The incoming President will have a warm time of it when he gets to Washington.

The New York Sunship is exciting the politicians of that State to an alarming extent. The Hon. William Evans is now having a boom with Hon. Levi P. Morton a good second. To all appearances the prize lies between these two. Hon. Chauncey Depew has declined to be a candidate under any circumstances and President Arthur has declined to go into a contest for the office.

The President has appointed Hon. Geo. M. Carpenter, Jr. to be U. S. District Judge of Rhode Island in place of Judge Colt promoted. This appointment makes a vacancy in the Supreme Court. We understand that John P. Gregory of Lincoln, Geo. A. Withers of Woonsocket, W. W. Blodgett of Pawtucket, and some half a dozen more are anxious to fill that vacancy.

Persons who vote by paying a registry tax and who have not yet registered their names at the office of the City Clerk in the City Hall are reminded that the time is short and that if they wish to vote next year they must register their names between now and December 31st. There will be several important elections next year both State and municipal, and everyone will desire the privilege of voting. Hence they should attend to the matter at once. It takes very little time and costs only one dollar.

The strong opposition to President Arthur in New York as candidate for the Senatorship shows very conclusively where he would have been if he had been the candidate for the Presidency. In all probability he cannot be elected U. S. Senator even with the party machinery to back him, and if he cannot carry the Senatorial vote with his own party, he would not have stood a ghost of a show for carrying the State against Gov. Cleveland. It is growing more and more apparent every day to every thinking man, that the Republican party went into the late campaign with its strongest leaders at the front, and it was only by the merest accident that they were defeated.

The great New Orleans exposition was opened Tuesday with appropriate ceremonies. Although the exhibition is yet far from complete still there is a fine show under the mammoth roof. The buildings of this gigantic fair cover seventy acres of space. The exhibits when in order will far surpass the Centennial at Philadelphia in 1876. Everything will be in its place in about four weeks, but February and March are said to be the best time to visit New Orleans and at that time the exhibition will be at its best. The machinery was put in motion Tuesday by President Arthur in the presence of committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives and a large number of other dignitaries.

Everybody but a Mogwump knew that all the pretended interviews with Mr. Blaine since he reached Washington are forgeries. The Mogwump papers in keeping with their high-toned conduct throughout the campaign have been industriously circulating these pretended interviews far and wide, in the hope that in some way they might prove injurious to Mr. Blaine. The gentleman himself has at length set down on these attempted defamers by saying that all reports of interviews held with him since his arrival in Washington are unauthorized. One in which he has been represented as discussing his relations with Mr. Conkling has been extensively published throughout the country, but it is from beginning to end an inexcusable forgery. Mr. Blaine asks that his friends will do him the favor to discredit utterly any and all of the expressions in the form of interviews which may be imputed to him. If he has any occasion to communicate with the public he will do so over his own name. Will the Mogwumps please take notice.

## DOINGS AT THE CAPITAL.

Church Gospel—Garfield Memorial—President Cleveland's Church—The Mistress of the White House—Popularity of Mr. Blaine.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19, 1884. The fact of an incoming Democratic administration has already had a marked influence on Church interests in Washington. Church memberships are largely composed of Government officials, and the probability that they will lose their positions after Mr. Cleveland's inauguration has made them less liberal with their money in matters ecclesiastical.

The Garfield Memorial church, which was finished and dedicated last winter, occupies the site of the little church, which the late President attended. There is still a debt of six thousand dollars hanging over it. Its members consist mostly of Department employees and their families. Before the presidential election, they had arranged to borrow the money to lift this debt and bind themselves to pay it in regular installments out of their salaries. In their present state of uncertainty, they say they dare not obligate themselves to that extent. Besides, the depositors of the bank from which they propose to borrow, are largely composed of Government employees, who will likely want to draw their money after the fourth of March.

Since it has been understood that President-elect Cleveland will attend the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in this city, the demand for pews there has been much greater. The church is overflowing now, and when a representative of Gov. Cleveland called the other day to see about securing a place for him, the pastor, Rev. W. A. Bartlett, proposed to give up his own pew in the middle aisle in order to accommodate the coming President. Relations of a cordial nature have long existed between the pastor of this church and Gov. Cleveland, and for a few days before the inauguration ceremonies the family of the Governor will be the guests of Dr. Bartlett at Hamilton Place, his home in this city.

This church has been noted for the distinguished persons who have attended it; and President Cleveland will be the third Executive of the nation who has been a pew holder. "Old Hickory" Jackson was the first and Abraham Lincoln the second. Rev. Dr. Gurley, who was pastor twenty years ago, was with President Lincoln a few minutes after the assassination of that memorable Good Friday night.

New York Avenue Church is a large red brick edifice standing on a triangular plot of ground at the intersection of New York Avenue and H Street. From its conspicuous appearance at this exposed situation, it has been irreverently compared to a steam engine coming up the street. The seating capacity is about twelve hundred, and among the new holders are Secretaries Frelinghuysen and Lincoln, Judges Bradley, Harlow and Strong; Gen. Boynton, of the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette; Gen. Drum, and many leading members of Washington society.

Mrs. Hoyt, Gov. Cleveland's sister, who it is said, will take charge of the President's household, is a zealous church woman, and also prefers the Presbyterian fold.

During his administration President Arthur has regularly attended St. John's Episcopal Church, which is near the White House. His predecessor, Mr. Hayes, worshipped at the Koadway Methodist Church, and Gen. Grant held a pew for eight years at the Metropolitan Methodist Church. Andy Johnson, who was not regular in church observances, was a member of the Disciples church, as was also President Garfield.

Since Mr. Blaine's return to Washington, he has expressed his intention of paying his respects to Gov. Cleveland as soon as he arrives in the city. The house Mr. Blaine has rented, owned by ex-Senator Winwood, is finely located on Massachusetts Avenue, and elegantly furnished. The family expect to continue their customs of last year, when, as now, they were in private life. Mr. Blaine will have a day for receiving, and will return calls. Probably no man in either private or public life receives more invitations than Mr. Blaine. He proposes giving a few dinners himself this winter and it has been said that Mr. Arthur will be his guest before the season ends.

The Spanish treaty seems to be meeting with but little favor in the Senate. A Washington dispatch reports a New England Senator saying that he believed that the treaty would be rejected in the Senate and that it ought to be rejected. He said he looked upon this treaty and the others which are to follow it, judging by what he had read of them, as tending to destroy the protective system of this country. He contended that the Spanish treaty, if ratified and adopted, will build up and strengthen Spain as a power antagonistic to this country politically and commercially. He said that Cuba ought to be a portion of the United States, and that at present everything favors the annexation of that island at no distant day. But, he continued, if the treaty goes into effect, it will fasten the grip of Spain tighter upon the island. The treaty would render Cuba much more valuable to Spain, without conferring any great benefit upon this Government or its people. He said that Canada would have belonged to the United States before now but for the reciprocity treaty.

Mayor Edison of New York undertook to circumvent the incoming Mayor by appointing Gen. Fitz John Porter to be chief of the department of Public Works in place of Hubert O. Thompson and Morgan J. O'Brien Corporation Council. The nominations were, however, speedily tabled by the board of Aldermen, and the Mayor will either have to resign or resign.

Beginning next Monday the Wickford line will sell tickets for Providence for seventy-five cents.

## Voice for the Voiceless.

Rhode Island has been greatly benefited in purse and in morals as well as in reputation by our State Society for the Protection of Abolition and the Incultation of humanism and mercy.

It was organized in 1870 by some of the best-known and ablest citizens in the State, and has always had the material and moral support of the benevolent men and women of the different towns. Similar societies are maintained in all our States and Territories, and, in fact, in all parts of the civilized world. Such are our vital relations of prosperity, health and character to the animal kingdom that we cannot afford to practice cruelty or injustice to any creature. This fact was what led to anti-cruelty societies throughout Christendom. As yet these societies are supported wholly by voluntary contributions, as all new moral endeavors are necessarily made. Unfortunately our stringent times in business matters are felt in the treasury of our anti-cruelty society. Good ladies in Providence have made a worthy effort to render this society some pecuniary aid. All the towns and villages should be equally interested as they are proportionally benefited. While many of our best citizens in the State are and have been for years members of the society, there are many others, not knowing the benevolent and effective work of the society, who have never contributed to its aid. We trust that every good citizen will volunteer to render the association assistance in its merciful mission.

New Hampshire seems to be getting numerous shakings up of late. There have been several earthquakes reported from that rock-ribbed country. Now it is said that the heaviest shock ever felt in all the adjoining towns. It was felt in all the adjoining towns, but the heaviest jar was at Centre Harbor, lasting half a minute. The vibrations seemed to come from a northerly direction and pass toward the south.

The daughter of J. B. Barnaby of Providence was married Wednesday to a Western millionaire, and all Providence went wild over the affair. The wedding presents were valued at over \$100,000.

Dynamiters undertook to blow up London Bridge the other night. They succeeded in doing considerable damage but the bridge still remains intact.

The venerable patriot, Louis Kassuth, is still in good health.

Hon. Robert C. Winthrop is dangerously ill.

John G. Whittier is 77 years old.

"Food Frauds" Explained. The sale of "Food Frauds" circulating through the newspapers and aimed at the public, is a very serious matter. It is an advertisement of the Royal Baking Powder Co. Its object is to induce the attention of the public to the recent exposure in the publication of the certificates of some of the leading chemists in the country, showing the presence in the Royal Baking Powder of ammonia, a drug of disgusting origin and unfit for use in food.

Cleveland's Baking Powder is made up of such a pure Cream of Tartar, Bicarbonate of Soda, and a little flour to preserve its strength of the mixture, and it does not contain Ammonia, Lime, Alum, or any adulteration whatever. Wherever anything used in its manufacture in the slightest degree of impurity, it would be an easy matter to obtain the same certificates of chemists to that effect, and the Royal Co. would be only too glad to publish them over the chemists' signatures, and not be obliged to resort to this sordid means and contemptible attack upon goods known by themselves to be pure.

The thousands of families throughout the country that have used Cleveland's Baking Powder during the last fifteen years with such satisfactory results and perfect assurance of purity and wholesomeness, will not only not be deceived by this attempted imitation, but will be glad to know the source of this attack and the cause of it.

CLEVELAND BROTHERS, Albany, N. Y.

## The History of the Re-Union of Newport's Sons and Daughters.

This work, to which we have heretofore referred, will, we understand, be ready for delivery during the coming week. It is evident that Mr. Harris has spared neither time nor expense in the preparation of the work which is to be finally illustrated. Among the authors there is to be a genuine union scene, namely, the triumphal arch as it appeared on the day. The other illustrations will include spots particularly interesting to Newporters abroad as well as at home. With the work is to be published the names of all the visitors who registered and the names of those who subscribed to the work up to Monday evening last. The book will make an interesting present either for Christmas or New Year's. The price of the book is \$2, and orders for it may be left at the Mercury office and the Daily News office.

## In the Mercury Window.

A hawk-ugly killed yesterday morning by Simon Poett. The bird was found on a barrel in John Martin's yard at the corner of Thames Street and Lee Avenue so chilled that he could not fly. He was killed with a clothes pole.

In the Mercury window are a second crop of apples picked by Mr. Bond. Howland of Middletown on December 15th. He got here two barrels of apples from the same tree in October. Some of these second crop apples are of good size.

Lieut. W. S. Hughes, of the U. S. Navy, now stationed on the U. S. S. New Hampshire, has an interesting article in the army number of Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly entitled A Mid-winter Cruise among the Antilles. It is well worth reading.

One of the best gift books for children during the holidays is Father Gander's Chinese. It is pre-eminently a companion book to Mother Goose's Melodies.

The Century Magazine for January has made its appearance. It is a valuable summary.

## The Government Chemist Analyzes two of the Leading Baking Powders, and what he finds.

The best baking powder is made from pure Cream of Tartar, Bicarbonate of Soda, and a small quantity of flour or starch. Frequently other ingredients are used, and serve a purpose in reducing the cost and increasing the profits of the manufacturer.

We give the Government Chemist's analyses of two of the leading baking powders:

"I have examined samples of 'Cleveland's Superior Baking Powder,' manufactured at Albany, N. Y., and 'Royal Baking Powder,' both purchased by myself in this city, and I find they contain:

"Cleveland's Superior Baking Powder."  
 Cream of Tartar  
 Bicarbonate of Soda  
 Carbamate of Ammonium  
 Tartaric Acid  
 Starch

Available carbonic acid gas 12.61 per cent, equivalent to 116.2 cubic inches of gas per oz. of Powder.

"Royal Baking Powder."  
 Cream of Tartar  
 Bicarbonate of Soda  
 Carbamate of Ammonium  
 Tartaric Acid  
 Starch

Available carbonic acid gas 12.40 per cent, equivalent to 110.2 cubic inches of gas per oz. of Powder.

Ammonia is 0.48 per cent, equivalent to 10.4 cubic inches per oz. of Powder.

Note.—The Tartaric Acid was doubtless introduced as free acid, but subsequently combined with ammonia, and exists in the Powder as a Tartrate of Ammonium.

E. G. LOVE, Ph. D.  
 New York, Jan'y 17th, 1884.

The above analyses indicate a preference for "Cleveland's Superior Baking Powder," and our opinion is that it is the better preparation. (Hall's Journal of Health.)

## Weekly Almanac.

DEC. 1884. STANDARD TIME.

Day	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	High water	Low water
20 SAT	7 10 14	18 21	20 10	10 10	10 20	10 20	10 20	10 20	10 20
21 SUN	7 11 15	19 22	21 11	11 11	11 21	11 21	11 21	11 21	11 21
22 MON	7 12 16	20 23	22 12	12 12	12 22	12 22	12 22	12 22	12 22
23 TUE	7 13 17	21 24	23 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1
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25 THU	7 15 19	23 26	25 3	3 3	3 3	3 3	3 3	3 3	3 3
26 FRI	7 16 20	24 27	26 4	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4
27 SAT	7 17 21	25 28	27 5	5 5	5 5	5 5	5 5	5 5	5 5
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30 TUE	7 20 24	28 31	30 8	8 8	8 8	8 8	8 8	8 8	8 8
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## Northern Mutual Relief Association.

At a meeting of the members of Newport Association No. 4, N. M. R. Association held Tuesday evening, December 16, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Oscar G. Langley.  
 Vice President—John J. Peckham.  
 Secretary—Mrs. S. A. Givill.  
 Treasurer—Daniel L. Cummings.  
 Collector—David Stevens.  
 Chaplain—W. O. Hilditch, 2nd.  
 Inside Sentinel—Charles L. F. Atkinson.  
 Outside Sentinel—Edward S. Giffen.  
 Trustees—James B. Brown, John T. Sanborn, Edward P. Marsh.

Delegate in General Association—John J. Peckham; Alternate—Thomas Burlingame. The officers elect will be installed on Tuesday evening, January 6, 1885, by John P. Sanborn, Deputy Marshal.

## St. John's Lodge.

At the annual communication of St. John's Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., Monday night, the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

Master—W. W. William Hamilton.  
 Senior Warden—E. B. Garrett.  
 Junior Warden—S. H. Sears.  
 Treasurer—David M. Coggeshall, Jr.  
 Secretary—W. A. Hilditch.  
 Chaplain—Rev. Edgar P. Clark.  
 Senior Deacon—W. P. Williamson.  
 Junior Deacon—W. H. H. Barker.  
 Senior Steward—E. E. Taylor, Jr.  
 Junior Steward—W. H. Hall.  
 Marshal—William C. Hall.  
 Sentinel—J. Gottlieb Spiegler.  
 Musical Director—Jacob H. Frank.  
 Tyler—R. W. John Eldred.  
 The officers were installed by R. W. W. Charles H. Wheeler of Bristol, District Deputy Grand Master assisted by R. W. W. William Giffen, as Deputy, W. John Meyers, as S. W. R. W. John Eldred, as J. W. and W. O. G. Langley as Grand Marshal.

## The Vote in the first Ward.

Owing to the number of candidates for the vacancy in the Board of Aldermen caused by the death of Mr. Kull from the First Ward, there was no election Wednesday and another election has been ordered for next Friday. Wednesday's voting was as follows:

Benjamin C. Briggs	157
George F. Crandall	95
Thomas D. Stoddard	48
William H. Bliss	45
Total	345
Necessary for an election	183

## Frederic Sherman.

Frederic Sherman, a son of W. Watts Sherman, the latter a member of the firm of Duncan, Sherman & Co., died on Sunday from scarlet fever, at his home in One-hundred-and-seventy-seventh street, near the Kingsbridge road, New York. He left a wife and two children. One of the latter is now recovering from scarlet fever.

**ROYAL BAKING POWDER**  
 Absolutely Pure.

This powder never varies. A marvel of purity, softness and wholesomeness. No other powder can compare with it. It is the standard of the world.

## Come Early in the Morning and Avoid the Rush.

After looking around, the people have found the place to buy **HOLIDAY GOOD AT LOW PRICES.** Comb and Brush Sets, 95c to 15 dollars. Finest assortment of Odor Cases in the city. Sleds from 50 cents up. Rocking Horses 95c and upwards. Doll Houses, Furniture, Tea Sets, Chamber Sets, &c. All kinds of Games and Puzzles, Black Walnut Stands and Book Shelves. Beautiful assortment of Standard Work Baskets, Large Cabinet Photograph Albums at \$1.00 and up. Picture Frames, 15c to \$3.00. Work Boxes and Baskets, Desks, Blackboards. Doll Carriages, Blacking Cases, Scrap Books from 10c up. Dolls' Shoes, Stockings, Hats, Waterproofs and everything for dolls. We will sell **FROM NOW UNTIL CHRISTMAS AT THE VERY BOTTOM PRICES.** Liberal discount for Sunday Schools at

**The St. Nicholas, Daily News Block.**  
 205 Thames Street.

## New Advertisements.

Court of Probate, City of Newport, December 15, 1884.  
**ON THE PETITION OF Mary Ann Tew,** of Newport, wife of the late **JOSIAH A. TEW,** a subject of New York, who died in said Newport, left a last will and testament; that no person is named in said will, and prays that said will and testament be given in all persons interested, by publishing a copy of this decree in the *Newport Mercury*, once a week at least, for fourteen days.

It is ordered that the consideration of said petition be referred to Monday, the 5th day of January, 1885, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Probate Office in the City Hall, Newport, and that notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by publishing a copy of this decree in the *Newport Mercury*, once a week at least, for fourteen days.

ALEX. N. BARKER, Probate Clerk.

Court of Probate, City of Newport, December 15, 1884.  
**ON THE PETITION OF** **CHRISTOPHER M. LEE,** administrator of the estate of the late **ELIZABETH S. FREEBORN,** late of Newport, deceased, presents his annual account with the estate of said deceased, and prays that the same may be examined, allowed and recorded.

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## SPECIAL NOTICE.

**MORRIS' NEW YORK ONE PRICE CLOTHING CO.,**  
 Corner Mill and Thames Streets,  
**WE ARE THE LEADERS!**  
 The Flag End Of A Bankrupt Stock Or The "Leavings" Of An Unsuccessful Clothing Venture Afford Small Opportunity For the Selection Of A Winter Outfit. Such Are The Attractions Advertised Elsewhere. But Here Is A Complete Stock Of Winter Clothes To Choose From, And We Have Made Prices That Even The Bankrupt Sales Do Not Match—For Example:—

## MEN'S OVERCOATS.

BLACK ELYSIAN BEAVER FROM MIXED CASSIMERES	\$9.00 TO \$5.00
BROWN BEAVER all wool "	11.50 TO 8.50
BLACK " " "	13.00 TO 9.00
BLUE " " "	15.



## New Advertisements.

F. N. BARLOW & CO'S  
CHRISTMAS  
ANNOUNCEMENT.

Having placed a large order for Confectionery with one of the leading Manufacturers of Boston, we shall be prepared during Christmas Week to furnish a SPLENDID ASSORTMENT of

## Pure, Fresh Made Candies.

consisting of over Thirty Different Varieties, at a LOWER PRICE than was EVER BEFORE NAMED IN THIS CITY. These Candies will be FRESH FROM THE KETTLES, and WARRANTED STRICTLY PURE. Also a full line of New Nuts of all kinds, New Figs, Fine New Table Raisins, New Muscat Raisins, New Seedling Raisins, New Currants, New Citrons, Fresh Plopples, Glace, New French Prunes, Jamaica Oranges, Florida Oranges, Nice Lemons, Nice Table Apples, He Apples, Cranberries, Pop Corn, Colored Tree Candies for the Christmas Tree, etc.

We also have a nice assortment of useful articles suitable for

## HOLIDAY PRESENTS,

consisting of Elegant Hanging Lamps, Standard Lamps, Hand Lamps, Imitation Cut Glass Sets, Lemonade Set, Berry Set, Salad Dishes, Majolica Pitchers, Majolica Vases, Majolica Cupboards, Fancy Mugs, Fancy Monarches, Decorated Fruit Plates, French Biscuits, Fancy Toilet Bottles, Bay Rum, &c., all at

## ROCK BOTTOM PRICES.

Remember the Special Sale of

## CONFECTIONERY, CHRISTMAS WEEK, AND DO NOT FORGET THE PLACE,

145 Thames Street,  
NEXT TO BEE HIVE.

We are connected by Telephone and all orders will receive prompt attention.

O. F. WILCOX, Manager.

Taylor & Bennett,  
189 THAMES STREET.

## Seasonable Suggestions!

FOR YOUR  
Father, Brother, Uncle or  
Husband.  
BUY ONE OF OUR

HATS, \$2.00 to \$3.50, or a pair of  
GLOVES, all kinds from 50 cents to  
\$6.00. TIES, SUSPENDERS, CUFF  
BUTTONS, UMBRELLAS \$1.25 to  
\$6.00, UNDERWEAR, COLLARS,  
CUFFS, MUFFLERS, LINEN HAND-  
KERCHIEFS, &c., &c.

We can suit You.

Give us a Call.

189 Thames St. 189

TAYLOR & BENNETT.

Hay, Stock, Wagons,  
Fowls, etc.,  
TO BE CLOSED OUT AT

## Private Sale

Before January 1st, 1885, at Mr. Bry-  
er's Farm, Middletown, R. I.  
(on account of Farm being leased)  
Comprising 25 Acres best quality Hay,  
in barn, 5 Shorn Cows 2 to 6 years old  
and all right, 1 Double Wagon, 1 Light Wagon,  
1 Covered Farm Wagon, 1 Mare, 1 Colt, 100  
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&c. Will deliver Hay in Newport to parties  
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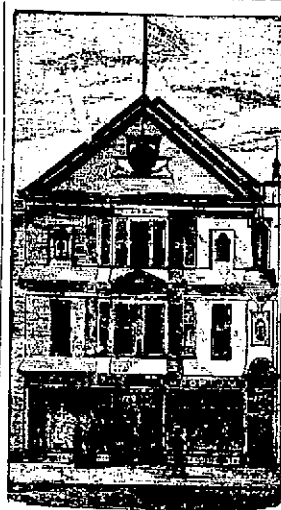
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